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SUBJECT: ULTRANATIONALIST THREAT

SUMMARY. THE THREAT OF A SMALL ULTRANATIONALIST GROUP DIRECTED AT SENATOR CHURCH AND OTHERS HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY. THIS SMALL GROUP AND OTHERS LIKE IT EXERT ONLY PERIPHERAL INFLUENCE ON JAPANESE POLITICS. THEIR ACTIONS DO NOT PORTEND A REVIVAL OF JAPANESE MILITARISM OR ANY THREAT TO THE ESTABLISHED ORDER. END SUMMARY.

1. A SMALL ULTRANATIONALIST ORGANIZATION, THE "FLOATING CHRYSANTHEMUM ALLIANCE" (NIHON KIKUSUI RENGO) HAS REPORTEDLY SENT A TELEGRAM TO SENATOR CHURCH AND OTHERS, DEMANDING AN END TO HEARINGS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND THREATENING "REVENGE" FOR FAILURE TO DO SO.

2. COMMENT. GIVEN THE UNUSUAL PUBLICITY GIVEN THIS GROUP, WE THINK IT IMPORTANT TO POINT OUT A FEW FACTS ABOUT IT. THE ALLIANCE IS ONE OF MANY SMALL ULTRANATIONALIST ORGANIZATIONS IN JAPAN--THE ALLIANCE ITSELF REPORTEDLY HAS FEWER THAN 20 MEMBERS--WHICH STANDS FOR REVIVAL OF THE PREWAR EMPEROR SYSTEM AND ADVOCATES A MORE INDEPENDENT FOREIGN POLICY ALONG STRICTLY ANTI-COMMUNIST LINES. THESE GROUPS SUPPORT THE US-JAPAN RELATIONSHIP IN VARYING DEGREES. IT SHOULD BE

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UNDERSTOOD, HOWEVER, THAT ASIDE FROM POSSIBLE CONNECTIONS

WITH A FEW CONSERVATIVE POLITICIANS AND THE MINOR ROLE
THEY MAY FROM TIME-TO-TIME PLAY IN PROPAGANDIZING THEIR
THEMES, THEY PLAY NO ROLE IN INFLUENCING THE OVERALL POLITICS
OF JAPAN. THEIR ACTIONS DO NOT PORTEND A REVIVAL OF
JAPANESE MILITARISM NOR DO THEY PRESENT ANY THREAT TO ESTABLISHED
ORDER. THEIR STATEMENTS AND ACTIONS SHOULD BE REGARDED
IN THIS LIGHT.
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